

FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MODEL CRIMINAL JURY INSTRUCTIONS

The Committee on Model Criminal Jury Instructions has adopted the following new model criminal jury instructions, M Crim JI 36.7 and 36.8, instructing the jury concerning a human-trafficking victim's testimony or failure to resist, effective November 2017.

M Crim JI 36.7

Testimony of Victim Not Required/Need Not Be Corroborated

[Select (1) or (2) where applicable]

- (1) To prove this charge, testimony from the [name complainant] is not required, as long as the evidence presented proves guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.
- (2) To prove this charge, it is not necessary that there be evidence other than the testimony of [name complainant], if that testimony proves guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

M Crim JI 36.8

Victim's Resistance or Lack of Resistance Not Relevant

When considering whether the prosecutor has proven this charge, you should not consider whether [name complainant] resisted the defendant.